

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Central Garage 703 and 704 West Main Street Pickens County, Central, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through September 26, 2018.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 18-6480-NRP, will affect approximately 0.9 acres located 703 and 704 West Main Street, Central, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Pickens County Tax Map Serial Number 4065-10-35-5673 and 4065-10-35-7521. The Town of Central (Central), wants to acquire the property and intends to remediate the property in order to encourage commercial/retail redevelopment.

The property consists of two parcels of land. 703 West Main Street has been used in the past as an automobile dealership and a laundromat. 704 West Main Street has been used in the past as a gasoline service station. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Central. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Central responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Central will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Central will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Central did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Central will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through September 26, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, Project Manager, by e-mail at fulmerwa@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0932, or at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Alex Fulmer at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.